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Mock trial club's determination rewarded in odd ways

BY EMMA FROMBERG
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The mock trial club could be compared to a five-credit class, an episode of Boston Legal or a full-fledged murder trial.

This political science club dedicates hours and weekends to preparing for and participating in tournaments where they act out a trial, taking turns arguing both sides of the case.

Junior Josh Eberle said it can be a lot of work reading over the documents to prepare for the cases.

"We discussed talking to the political science department about making it a class, but we decided not to because it would take the fun out of it," Eberle said.

The hard work is worth it though. This year, the club was awarded with numerous outstanding awards for individual members, as well as first and sixth place finishes by one team at competitions. Their competitors also recognized the club for outstanding sportsmanship at one competition.

Here's how it works:

The team receives an outline detailing the case. For example, one case they dealt with this year involved a murder case where the murderer hid

the dead body in the trunk of a car. The teams of six divide into three witnesses and three attorneys, and then take turns representing either the state or the criminal defendant. They must do a direct examination of both sides of the case, as well as an opening and closing argument.

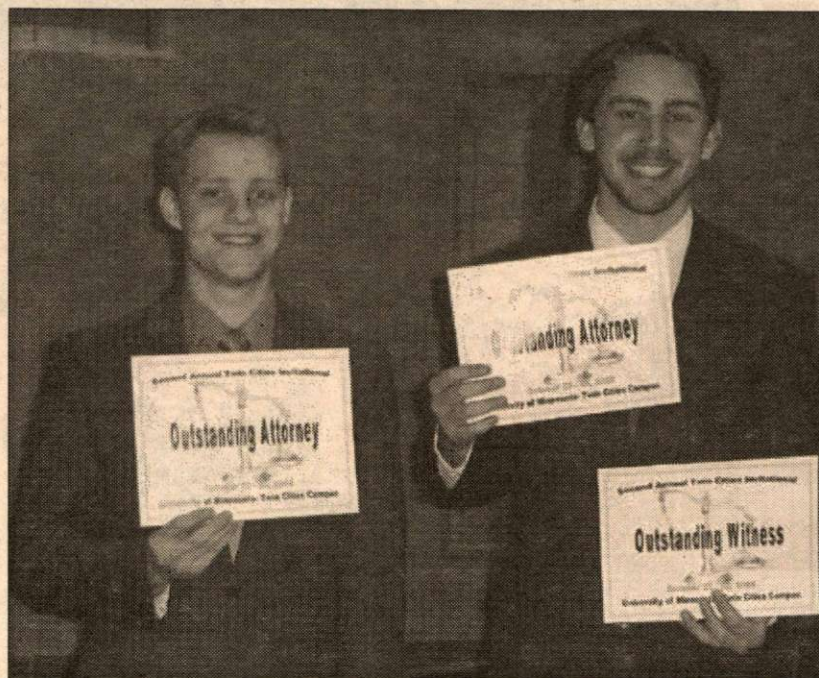
Competitions consist of four rounds, two as the prosecution and two as the defendant, and are scored out of 10 by two judges in each category. The team is ranked as a whole, and the judge chooses outstanding witnesses and attorneys.

This year, Eberle received awards for top attorney in three different tournaments. His team member Robert Yount received five individual awards for top attorney and top witness, and Paul Bud received top witness. On the other team, Nick Johnson was awarded with top attorney at one competition.

Political science professor Mark Jennings recently became their advisor and says it's really rewarding.

"This is what Mark said about it," Jennings said.

Eberle is glad the club is no longer student-run, and is thankful for how much work Jennings has put into the club.



(L-R) Josh Eberle and Robert Yount received individual awards for outstanding performances.

"He came in not really knowing what he was doing, but ever since then we've gotten first place in a tournament every year," Eberle said.

In January, the teams will be competing at St. Thomas, and regionals

will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Superior in February where they'll compete against teams from the entire Midwest for a spot at nationals.

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\$8,626 available for student research

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Over \$8,000 is still available to UMD students in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) through the Technology Fund Grant Program, according to Technology Advisory Committee member Peter Angelos.

According to Committee Chair Stacey Stark, there are two different grant programs available through the Technology Fund Grant Program; one is for faculty and staff, and the other is for students. While the technology projects proposed by faculty and staff have to directly benefit students, the student projects can be slightly more individual.

"Students can write a proposal to fund some instrumentation, software, advising or data pertain-

ing to their technology project," Stark said.

UMD 2007 graduate Paul Hood took advantage of the CLA Technology Fund Grant Program for his senior project as a geography major. He used the funds that he received from the grant to purchase a remotely sensitive image of the Lester River watershed in Duluth.

"I couldn't have afforded it otherwise," he said.

Hood remembers the image's cost was over \$1,000. He was able to analyze steam impairments with the aid of that image. Not only was the grant program helpful for his education at UMD, but it has been beneficial to his professional career.

"I have passed on the information that I gained from that to my employers," Hood said.

Hood now works for the non-profit organization Craighead Beringia South in Kelly, Wyo., perform-

ing geographic analysis work.

According to Stark, so far only one grant of \$1,347 has been awarded this year. That money allowed a UMD student to purchase GPS systems that will aid his research regarding street-lights and crime in Duluth.

Students who are interested in the technology grant program can download an application from the Technology Fund Grant Web site. Up to \$3,000 can be awarded to a student for a technology project.

"Typically each project is between \$1,000 and \$1,500," Stark said.

With \$8,626 remaining, Angelos estimates that there are enough funds for approximately seven more grants between now and the end of spring 2010.

Appealing tickets isn't so appealing

BY AMBER OOLEY
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A UMD student sits patiently in a chair waiting, holding a florescent orange envelope in her left hand. With a face of frustration, she is waiting for someone to guide her. She wants to appeal for her parking ticket she has just received.

"They didn't take the time to notice I had a permit in my window," sophomore Marina Roberts said.

Roberts is studying education at UMD, she lives on campus and drives a Royal Blue Mini Cooper.

Roberts explains how her appeal process was not appealing to her at all.

"The back of the ticket said to go to the parking office and it said it was open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.," said Roberts. "So I went there one day at 2:10 p.m. and the door was locked. There were people in there, but they didn't notice I was waiting to get in."

"I went back the next week and I sat around for about ten minutes waiting because there was nobody at the secretary desk."

"Finally a few people walked in," and as Roberts explained her situation she was told to head to an office down the hall. When she walked in, Roberts said she was "rudely greeted" before she explained her story. Roberts was directed to the Housing office because she is an on-campus resident.

Roberts said after she arrived at the Housing office she was told again to

wait two hours for an appointment.

"The process itself took five minutes," Roberts said.

Cheryl Love is the main coordinator of Parking Services here at UMD and she deals with parking tickets, parking permits and parking appeals. Love has three monitors working each day at staggered shifts.

Along with the parking monitors, UMD Police are also on campus to hand out parking tickets. If you happen to have expired tabs after receiving a ticket on campus, the monitors and police are capable of issuing you an expired tabs ticket only with a parking violation.

If a vehicle is found with an expired meter they are fined \$12, found wrongly parking in a handicapped spot they will be fined \$106, found in a designated spot they will be fined \$31 and found to have a stolen item in their car they will be fined \$53.

According to Love, the beginning of the school year brings a higher volume of tickets. Most of them are warning tickets, because students are learning the parking procedures on campus. During this fall semester, Tuesdays and Wednesdays brought in a higher volume of tickets, as well as Friday afternoons and Monday mornings because of higher volumes of visitors on campus.

On the back of each ticket is stated that you have ten days from the issue date to pay off or appeal the ticket you were issued. If you decide to not

choose either of those options you will be charged a late fee. Late fees can add up to \$45 maximum and are added to your original ticket price. After you have reached this maximum, collections will have the right to put a hold on your student record.

Reasons for appeal include: forgot permit at home (for on-campus residents), permit is in the other car, lost permit and meter is broken, according to Love. If a meter is claimed to be broken, Love or her monitors will physically check the monitor with coins and make sure the student is not being dishonest.

Jamie Garnto, an off-campus student, believes issuing tickets is effective.

"I got three tickets at the beginning of the year when I thought they didn't watch closely, but I learned they do," she said. "I'd rather take morning classes and be able to find a spot on the road or pay lot."

Love says Parking Services appeals approximately five percent of the total tickets issued.

"Our goal is to enforce parking, it isn't to issue tickets," Love said. According to Love and Roberts the campus would not work without parking permits.

"Parking permits help students who live on campus and it makes sure that those who wait in line can pay for a permit get a spot on campus," said Roberts.

How to appeal a parking ticket

1. Bring your ticket to Parking Services in Kirby Plaza
2. Keep a smile on your face and ask to speak to Cheryl Love
3. Ask to appeal; hopefully you have an excellent reason to give
4. If you aren't accepted to appeal, pay your ticket before you forget and get a late fee
5. Don't park in designated spots unless you've purchased and displayed a permit

Cultural exchanges made at UMD

Kazakhstan students visit UMD

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For the past two weeks UMD played host to eager learners and perpetual bus riders. No, not your typical UMD students, but a group of four graduate students from the country of Kazakhstan located near Russia.

More specifically, the students are from East Kazakhstan where they attend East Kazakhstan State Technical University (EKSTU). UMD Electrical and Computer Engineering professor Marian Stachowicz recently became involved in

an exchange program with EKSTU after a visit a year ago, eventually leading to the students' visit.

Anton Sassa, one of the four students who visited, stated that while on campus they attended multiple classes of a variety of subjects because it's the end of the semester, the classes were at times hard to follow; however, the students still enjoyed attending. Zhandos Uzdenbayev, another student, agreed that "some were quite interesting."

The students also took a tour of the campus, as well as used the gym to play volleyball, and attended a Bulldog Hockey game. Both Aigul Akezhanova and Narzira Shaokhova said UMD students were "very friendly," and they showed them Bentleyville and downtown where they rode the busses that Uzdenbayev said were not too different from home. How-

ever, a difference they found amusing was the number of places UMD students found to nap on campus, something not common at EKSTU.

Not only did the students attend classes, but they also shared knowledge of Kazakhstan as well. They made posters to be put on display around campus with information about their home country. Also, they gave two presentations about Kazakhstan and EKSTU to classes full of UMD students.

This exchange of cultural information benefits not only the visitors, but also the UMD students who had the opportunity to see the presentation and experience a different culture. Not only did these students leave with new knowledge, but they left some behind as well.

In lieu of recent burglaries, take extra caution when leaving for the holidays

BY VERONICA WILSON
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Two female UMD students were hanging out at home when a man banging on their front door surprised them.

The girls, who live close to UMD, said the man at the door asked to talk to a Chad. After the residents told him there was no Chad living there the man walked away. Ten minutes later, the man began banging on their back screen door. The girls say he appeared to be trying to get into their house.

After talking with others, the girls heard that he had been seen around the neighborhood before. They were also told that he was seen running through their neighbor's backyards.

This led to the students to call 911 and file a police report later that night.

Emily Shermer, one of the residents of the house, said that since the incident she and her roommates have taken extra safety precautions.

"We called our maintenance guy and he put sticks in our sliding glass doors and we have been more careful about locking our doors and keeping our shades shut," Sherman said.

According to Sgt. Tim LeGarde of university police, those are just some of the steps students should take to avoid their having their home trespassed.

"Close shades and curtains, lock your doors and keep valuables hidden from sight when possible," LeGarde said.

Students should also make sure to lock their doors even when they are home, LeGarde said. Like in the case of Sherman's home, burglaries can take place when residents are home.

According to LeGarde, it is also a good idea to make it appear as though someone is home even when there is no one there.

"Keep your sidewalks and stairs shoveled. If they are not



Ask a neighbor to collect your newspapers while you are out of town so your house doesn't look abandoned, making it an easy target for burglary.

it could indicate that no one is home because no one is shoveling," LeGarde said.

According to LeGarde, some burglars watch homes to see when they are unoccupied. Leaving a light or two on can make it seem like you are home when you are not, LeGarde said.

If anything out of the ordinary happens to your home make sure to report your suspicion to police. The recent suspect of the array of burglaries that took place at homes near campus earlier this year was caught because of a citizen calling into police, LeGarde said.

According to LeGarde, a citizen saw a man enter their neighbor's home and come out with a television. After putting the television into his car the citizen thought it was suspicious and reported the crime to police.

Campus signs could get a facelift

New electronic signs could cost up to \$10,000

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Have you ever driven by the "University of Minnesota Duluth" sign on College Street and thought that something could be added? Come this spring, changes to that sign and its twin on West St. Marie Street may occur.

UMD administration met at the beginning of November and decided to look into adding electronic message boards above the two signs, mirroring decisions made by both St. Scholastic and Lake Superior College, who have implemented electronic message boards in the past. Currently, the administration is waiting for cost specifications from Facilities Management before making a final decision.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations, Greg Fox, said that the sign's primary purpose would be to display campus events. Further details regarding the signs capabilities remain unclear until Facilities Management makes recommendations. Signs could either be text-only or have graphic capabilities.

"The price will drive the decision," Fox said.

Fox couldn't say for sure how much the signs will cost, but it is estimated at \$5,000 per sign. Funding for the project will come from campus reserves, which is comprised of student tuition and state allocations.

Fox hopes the project will pay for itself by increasing attendance at campus events. He said that most students make nightly decisions in the spur of the moment, so if they see advertised events they could be more likely to attend.

Signs could also be used to brand UMD as a smoke-free campus and to welcome new students at the beginning of each academic year, according to Fox.

"It's a multiple use sign," he said.

Local college students warm hands and hearts

BY EMMA FROMBERG
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Native American groups from area colleges collaborated this year to organize a hat and mitten drive and were able to donate over 600 pairs of mittens and numerous hats to local charities.

UMD, along with the University of Wisconsin Superior, the College of St. Scholastica and Lake Superior College all took part in the drive, which was a competition between the four schools.

Scholastica got the most donations, but each school was successful with a sizeable donation that will be given to the Salvation Army and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM).

"We were trying to come up with ideas to do something to shed some light on Native American students throughout the colleges," said UWS student Aaron Bigboy. "It was pretty successful," added UMD junior and American Indian

Science and Engineering Society (AISES) member Natalia Hart.

UMD's largest donation of 150 pairs of gloves was from Play It Again Sports, through an anonymous donor.

"In the season of giving and sharing, we're just trying to do our part," said Play It Again Sports' manager and UMD alumni Brian Ross.

AISES had a table in Kirby last week where they got donations from mostly faculty members, and will also be sending donations to a soldier in Iraq, Terry Johnson, who is a UMD alumni as well.

"We're so thankful for everyone who made this collaboration possible," said Hart.

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RIGHT: Play It Again Sports donated over 150 pairs of gloves to the drive, put on by local Native American college students.



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UMD choir students warm up vocally and physically as Adam ten Bensei leads them in laughter yoga.

Laughter Yoga: You may look funny, but you'll feel better

BY NEIL WITZIG
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What is laughter really? Webster defines it as, "a cause of merriment." Mark Twain said that, "The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter." A Yiddish Proverb tells us, "What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul." Laughter is clearly a central part of human life.

It has been said that, "laughter is the best medicine," and indeed it has been proven to be both physically and mentally beneficial. Nobody knows this better than Adam ten Bensei, a vocal performance major at UMD, but ten Bensei has learned another very important characteristic of laughter that many people do not realize; the body is unable to differentiate between forced and genuine laughter. This scientifically proven fact is the basis for a new revolutionary idea: Laughter yoga.

"To put it bluntly, laughter yoga is organized laughing for the benefit of both physical and mental health," ten Bensei said. "It's full hearted belly laughing."

Laughter yoga combines laughter with Pranayama, or yogic breathing. It is unquestionably healthy. Laughter lowers blood pressure, relaxes muscles, increases oxygen level in the body, improves circulation and elevates mood. But most valuable, it helps the immune system, the key for maintaining good health. Perhaps even greater than the health benefits, laughter yoga is an incredible way to create deep connections with people very quickly.

"One thing I like to tell each class I teach is that laugh-

ter happens in the moment. It happens right here and now. Know that when you're laughing you are celebrating the moment and the connections that you're making with the people around you," ten Bensei said.

Laughter yoga takes you out of your comfort zone and puts you in a moment-by-moment setting of joy, an ideal situation for making bonds with other people. "This isn't even part of the practice, but the things that some people shared led to tears, hugs, revelations, epiphanies, and yes, more laughing. We came together to laugh, and stayed for some free group therapy," ten Bensei said.

"Laughter yoga is the most ridiculous and awesome form of yoga I have ever tried."

-Devin Welsh

Dr. Madan Kataria founded the first laughter yoga club in 1995 in Mumbai, India. Starting as a small club with a handful of people, laughter yoga has grown from its humble beginnings to become an international phenomenon. At UMD, ten Bensei brings laughter yoga through the various vocal ensembles he has participated in.

"Laughter yoga is the most ridiculous and awesome form of yoga I have ever tried," said Devin Welsh, who used to be involved with vocal jazz at UMD.

Those who participate quickly admit that the exercise seems absolutely absurd, yet this is the whole point of the routine. The process is commonly met with skepticism yet nearly all participants in hindsight view it very fondly.

"At first it is sort of a ridiculous idea, but when you just let loose and stop caring about what other people think, it gives you a moment to laugh at yourself," Jena Levelius said, a member of University Singers. "I like how you may not be in a good mood when you first start but when you take a moment to force yourself to laugh, it releases the negativity that may be locked up inside of you and allows you to genuinely laugh. I also like how it breaks some people out of their shells and allows you to get to know them better."

Circumstances at the end of a semester are married with heavy stress, but through laughter, divorce is possible.

"If you want to improve the overall quality of your life, spend time each day laughing. The more the better. The beauty about laughter yoga is that after attending many sessions, one finds that laughing happens more often and with greater spirit," ten Bensei said.

So next time you feel immobilized under the enormous weight of stress on your back, force yourself to laugh a little. It's the natural remedy.

12 Days of Christmas Meets 37 Days of Bentleyville

BY BAILEY LEVEILLE
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Every family has traditions for the holiday season. My family, in the past few years, has developed the tradition of Christmas light sight-seeing, where we drive around after nightfall taking in the view of the Christmas lights and decorations on peoples' lawns and houses as we belt out Christmas songs—out of tune of course. I remember a specific house that made it onto our "must-see" list several years ago. The house was only a few miles away from my own home, and it was clearly visible from the single highway that ran through the little town of Esko.

It was the beginning of what is now known as the Bentleyville "Tour of Lights."

"It was first a hobby that started to grow. You do one thing and you think it would be better if you add one more thing and then one more thing," Nathan Bentley said, founder of Bentleyville.

At one time, only a few "Eskomos" appreciated his Christmas light display, but as Bentley added more and more to his display, it soon grew to the wonder that is now residing at Bayfront.

Now in 2009, all of the Northland communities know of Bentleyville and come to visit the place that has been proven to be a source of holiday cheer. My family is just one of hundreds that have added a trip to Bentleyville as one of their holiday traditions.

As with any tradition, there is a need for willing spirits to keep bringing the tradition back every year, and Bentleyville is no exception. It is no small task to set up, operate and take down a 37-day event; Bentleyville requires around 300 volunteers to operate.

"Something like Grandma's Marathon brings in up to 4,000 volunteers for four days, but we have a tougher time in that we need many volunteers everyday for 37 days," Bentley said.

A group of 57 UMD students made up the main volunteer force last Saturday night as they filled all 47 positions around Bentleyville. Freshman Kate Pattison became Dancer the reindeer with freshman Amanda Kangas by her side as her handler, both of whom said they would do it again.

"It was cool to see all the kids," Kangas said. "They just get so excited."

As the years have gone by, Bentleyville has become a holiday experience that Bentley is pleased to be a part of.

"Kids will remember going to Bentleyville while they may not remember what toy they got for Christmas," Pattison said.

Bentley said he wishes that all visitors would leave with "a good lasting memory."

The staff and volunteers at Bentleyville help make the event possible by playing a key part in the making of memories and traditions. Thanks to their participation, just like singing Christmas carols, a stop at the Bentleyville "Tour of Lights" will come with the holidays.



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Residential Advisor Kendra Stettler organized 57 UMD students to volunteer at Bentleyville.



Avoiding the holiday bulge

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Ever feel as though your holiday eating is unending? The treats in the office, and the treats at the holiday parties and mom's Christmas cookies never seem to go away. The fact is that holiday treats really do tend to stick around causing the average American to put on seven to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years.

Ninety-nine percent of foods at holiday functions are very unhealthy. Not only do holiday appetizers and treats tend to be loaded with fat and calories, but they also affect digestion, causing your body to become "plugged and toxic." Overeating unhealthy foods for several days in a row will not only lead to unnecessary fat gain, it will also position you for discomfort and sickness.

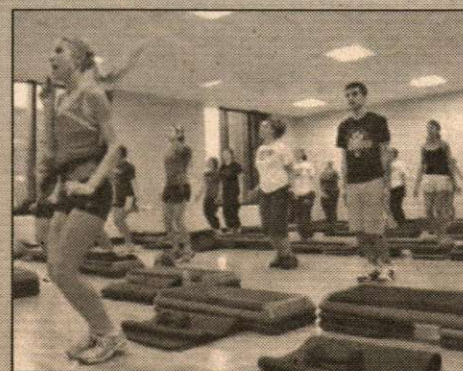
So how are you going to avoid the common holiday bulge this year? Foremost, go into every holiday function with an "eating plan." You know that the sugar cookies are unhealthy, so mentally set your limits by telling yourself, "I will only have one cookie, and that's all." Going in with a plan will help yourself to monitor your eating and avoid mindless grazing at

the snack table.

Not only do we need to pay close attention the foods we eat throughout the next month, but also the drinks. Alcohol sales skyrocket during the holiday season. We enjoy drinking at holiday functions. Remember: Alcohol contains seven calories per gram (that's a lot). Along with that, it leads to poor nutritional choices. If a person drinks, eats and then goes to sleep, say goodbye to weight control and hello to weight gain. Limit your alcohol intake to no more than two drinks per day.

Lastly, remember not to completely forego your physical activity during the holiday break. Even if you don't have gym access, there's nothing wrong with taking a walk after every meal. Hammer out some sit-ups and push-ups while you watch TV. Play outside in the snow. Most importantly, avoid day-long sitting.

Christmas is one day; New Years Eve is one night; neither last the entire one-month break. Enjoy this year's holiday break without ending up seven pounds heavier. The holiday eating really doesn't have to feel unending, and you'll enjoy yourself just as much without the excess calories and fats.

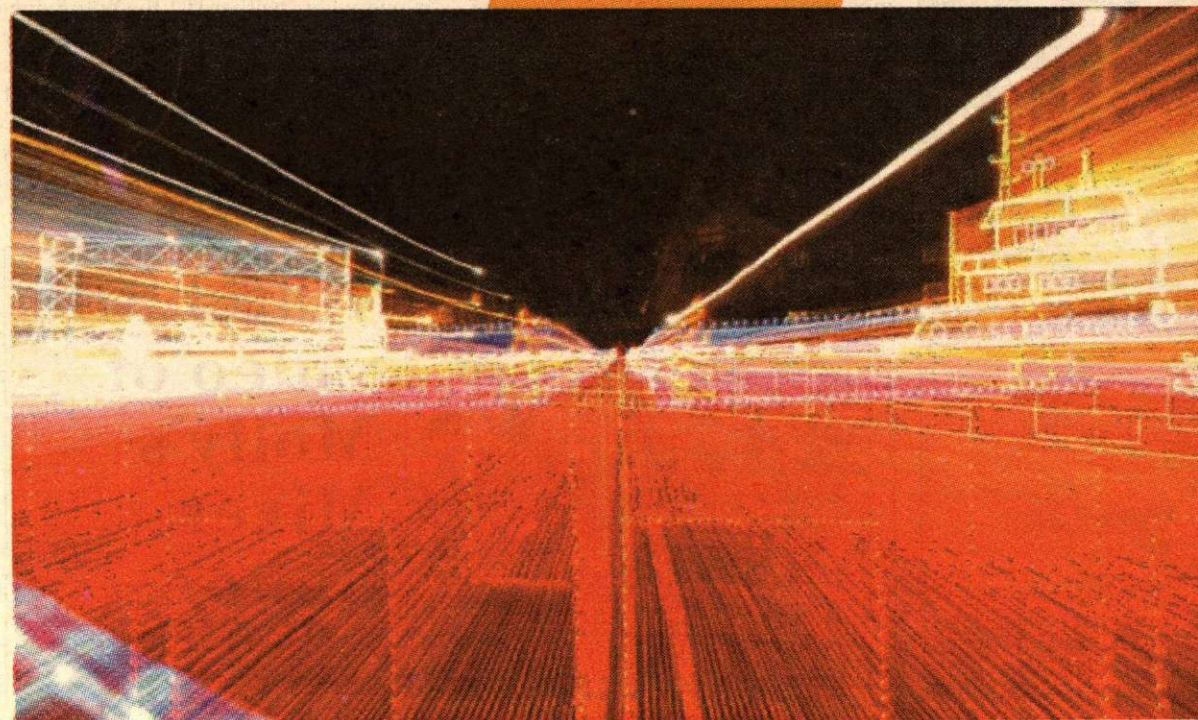
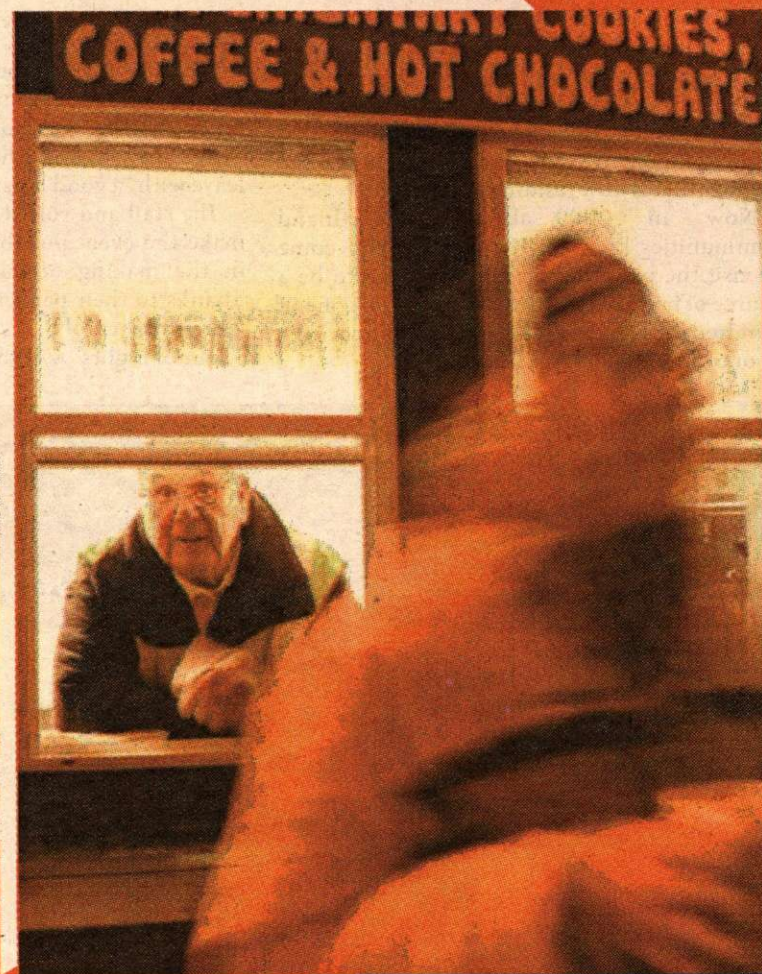


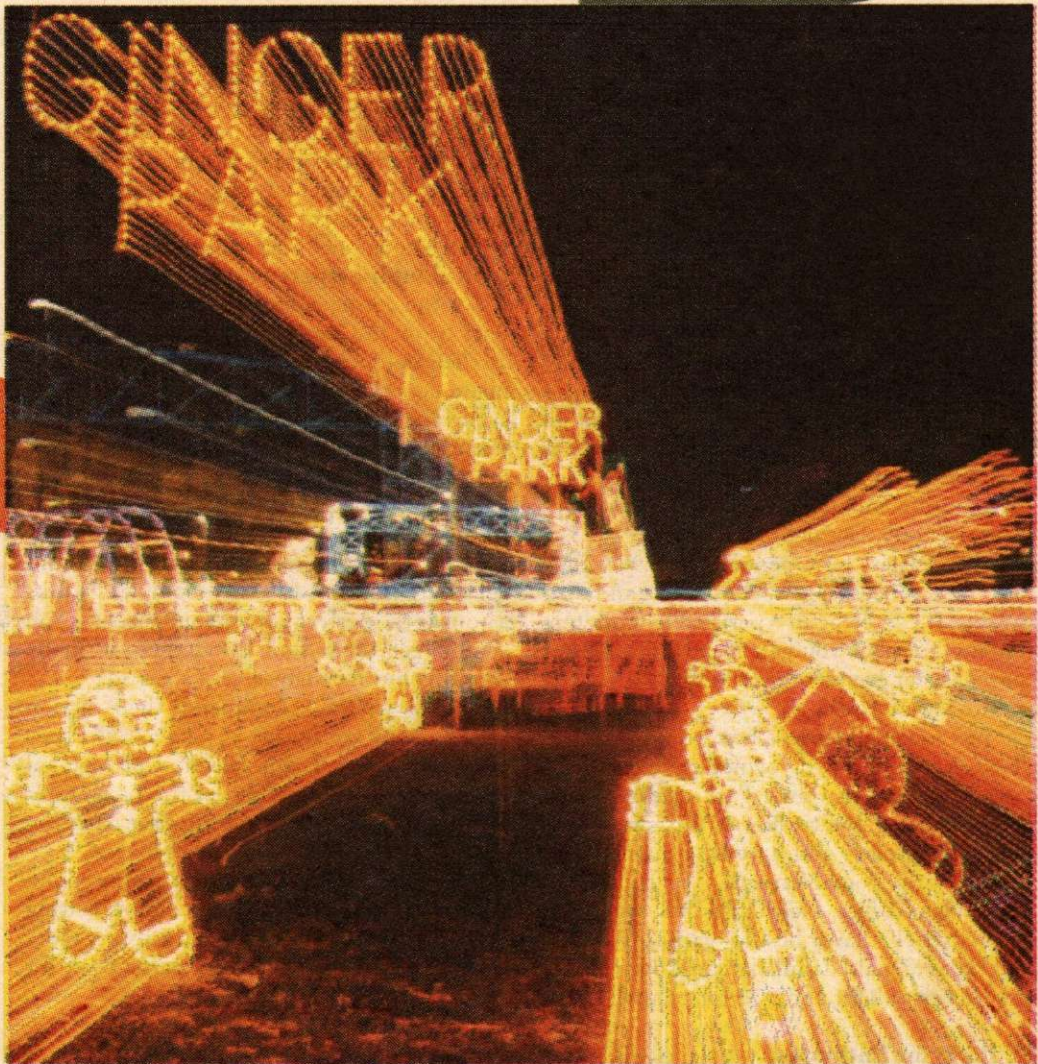
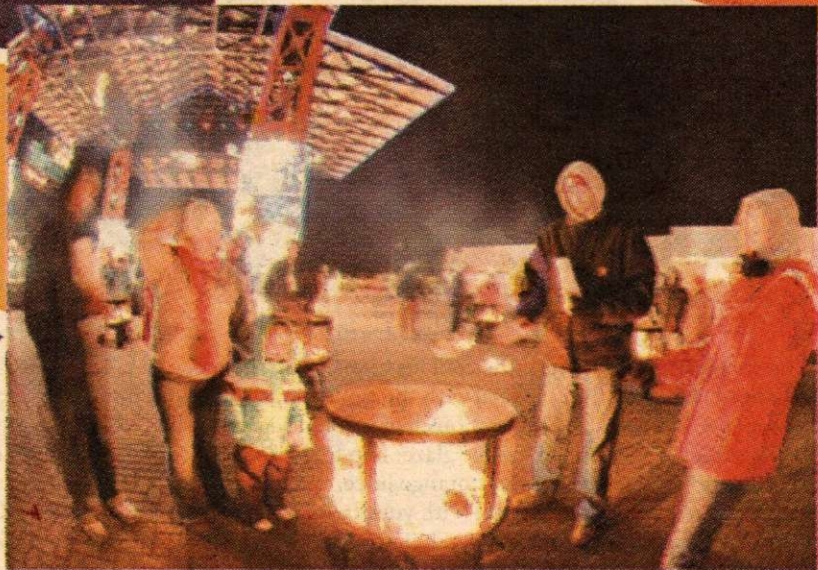
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Bentleyville: A Tour of Photos

by Joe Olivieri





Gift ideas for under \$20

BY LAUREN RENNEKE

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Decorating the house, baking cookies, buying a tree, finding the perfect gift and still finding time to study for all those approaching finals sounds impossible. But it doesn't have to be.

Shopping for presents for to your friends and family, while keeping your pockets full may seem like a challenge. To aid in this frustrating task, nine local retailers have come together to help you find that perfect gift, all for under \$20.

The Athlete

For the athletic type, The Ski Hut located at 1032 E. 4 St. is your first stop. They have ski masks starting at \$16 and for \$18 they even have the multi-use buffs that contestants on the show, *Survivor*, wear. They also sell stainless steel water bottles starting at \$20.

The Creative Mind

If you want to make your own gift, the Bead Harbor on the corner of Superior Street and Lake Avenue is just for you. They have beads from all over the world that you can use to make necklaces or whatever your heart desires. The average necklace costs between \$10 and \$15, according to Buffy Monahan, storeowner.

"You can make it yourself, we can show you how, or we'll do it for you," said Monahan.

The Chef

The Blue Heron Trading Co., found in DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace in Canal Park, has just the thing for your in-house chef. They have quirky cooking utensils like a corn zipper for \$12.99, a lettuce knife for \$4.99 or "The World's Easiest Jar Opener" for \$5.99. They also have sauces, spices, cookbooks and dish towels. If you bring in a perishable food item on any Tuesday, you get 10 percent off your purchase for even more savings.

The Sweet Tooth

"Just four truffles in a box would be nice," Tina Anderson said, owner of Hepzibah's Sweet Shoppe in Canal Parks DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace. The truffles at this sweet stop are \$3.59 a piece and have been named best truffle by the Food Network.

Besides truffles, Hepzibah's has every single Jelly Belly flavor besides garlic, 10 different types of malted milk balls and even gluten free licorice all for under \$5 for a half lb.

The Wine Enthusiast

For the friend who is looking for a new favorite bottle of wine, the Lake Aire Bottle Shoppe, on the corner of London Road and Highway 35, is the place to go. They have wine tastings about twice a month and sell wine bags for \$5. These bags can spruce up any bottle, no matter how cheap it was. They also sell gift sets which have a bottle of alcohol and two appropriate glasses which start at \$11.99.

The Fisherman

The Northern Waters Smokehaus in the DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace has all the Minnesota grown smoked fish and meats to satisfy any watering mouth. Their prices range from \$16.99 to \$19.99 per half lb., which feeds anywhere from six to 10 hungry stomachs.

"The Wild Alaskan Salmon is the best," Andy Nissen said, of the Northern Waters Smokehaus.

The Green Thumb

Custom arrangements in all shapes and sizes are what you'll find at Angela's Bella Flora on West 1 Avenue in downtown Duluth. Starting at \$20, you can create your own personal gift for your plant-loving parent. If you're not creative, you can buy premade baskets and flower pots. Festive poinsettias start at \$14.95 and delicious smelling candles start at \$9.95.

The Outdoorsperson

For the extreme outdoorsman, the Duluth Pack Store in Canal Park is just the place for all their outdoor needs. Here they have hand-made ceramics for \$20, Lutsen-made maple syrup for \$6.95 and assorted camping gear from 79 cents to \$20. They even sell leather moose, made from the scraps of their backpacks, starting at \$9.

The Bookworm

Danielle Ashley, from the Bookstore at Fitger's in the Fitger's Brewery Complex, thinks a book is the perfect gift for your parent. "You should get them something they normally wouldn't buy for themselves," she said.

Ashley would recommend their fiction books; many are always 15 percent off. They also have a wonderful selection of regional books like *Duluth - Gem of the Freshwater Sea* by Anita Zager for \$16.95 or *True North* by Tony Dierckins and Kerry Elliot for \$14.95.

With the holiday season rushing upon us, the amount of time left to shop is getting shorter and shorter. So don't waste any more time and go out to find that perfect gift for your loved ones.

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Finally, snow has come to Duluth, and nothing says winter to me quite like a plate full of homemade cookies. I like making a large batch of cookies and giving a few to friends and family. Pair them with a cup of hot cocoa and a holiday movie, and you have an instant getaway from the cold outside. Whether you keep them for yourself or give them away as a holiday gift, making cookies warms your heart and makes for a great afternoon in a warm kitchen.

Basic Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more for shaping the cookies
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 c. unsalted butter (two sticks), at room temperature
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Directions:

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

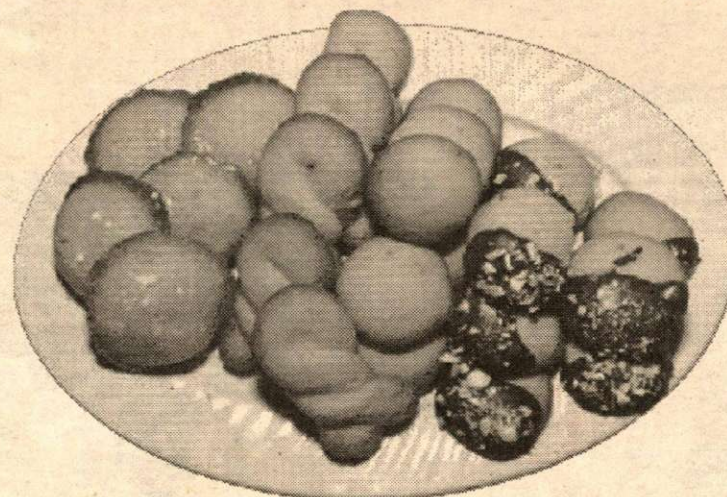
Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar until smooth. Add the egg and beat until fluffy, about two minutes. Beat in the vanilla.

With the mixer on low, gradually add the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated (the dough will be stiff). Shape into a disk and refrigerate, wrapped, for at least one hour and up to three days.

Heat oven to 350° F. On a floured surface, roll out each disk to 1/4 inch thick. Cut into shapes and place on parchment-lined baking sheets; refrigerate until firm. Sprinkle with decorating sugar if using, and bake until just beginning to brown, 12 to 15 minutes.

Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

By Sara Quessenberry, December 2009 from Real Simple magazine



The simplest and most versatile cookies to make are sugar cookies. The basic dough can be changed into something special with the right extras. Start with fun shapes like twists or cutouts. Add interesting decorations like colored sugar, crushed candy canes or melted chocolate. Get fancy with an orange glaze: Dip tops of cooled cookies in a mixture of one cup confectioner's sugar, two tbsp. orange juice, and one tsp. finely grated orange zest.

With a blank canvas, get creative with your holiday cookies. I wish you a wonderful winter break and a stress-free finals week. Let's meet up again soon, just you, me and UMD.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS FROM PAGE 27

Take the plunge with Special Olympics

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On Feb. 20, the Minnesota Special Olympics will be holding their annual Polar Bear Plunge here in Duluth to raise money for thousands of Special Olympics Minnesota athletes. This event is held throughout Minnesota at many locations and is organized by the Minnesota Law Enforcement. This year, the Minnesota Special Olympics has a goal of \$1 million from all of the Minnesota plunge locations.

In order to sign up for the event, you can register online at www.specialolympicsminnesota.org, where you can make a team or plunge as an individual. Every participant has to raise at least \$75 in order to take the plunge. A number of incentives are available for those that increase their donation amounts.

The next step is to collect pledges from family, friends or coworkers. Donations can be made online by selecting the team you would like to donate to. Also, plungers can bring checks or cash the day of the plunge.

On the day of the event, plungers will meet at Grandma's Sports Garden in Canal Park and will then be shuttled to a hole cut into icy Lake Superior. After plunging, participants will receive a free T-shirt, and Grandma's will be providing a reduced price on their pizza buffet and drinks.

Not only will Minnesota Special Olympics volunteers be helping at the event, but Duluth law enforcement will also be helping plungers in and out of the water. The law enforcement aids in the Polar Bear Plunge every year, as well as the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Minnesota.

"It's a really unique opportunity to get out of your box and raise money for a good cause while having fun," Taylor Wallentine said, a UMD student and Minnesota Special Olympics intern.

Those interested in the Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 20 should visit www.specialolympicsminnesota.org in order to register.

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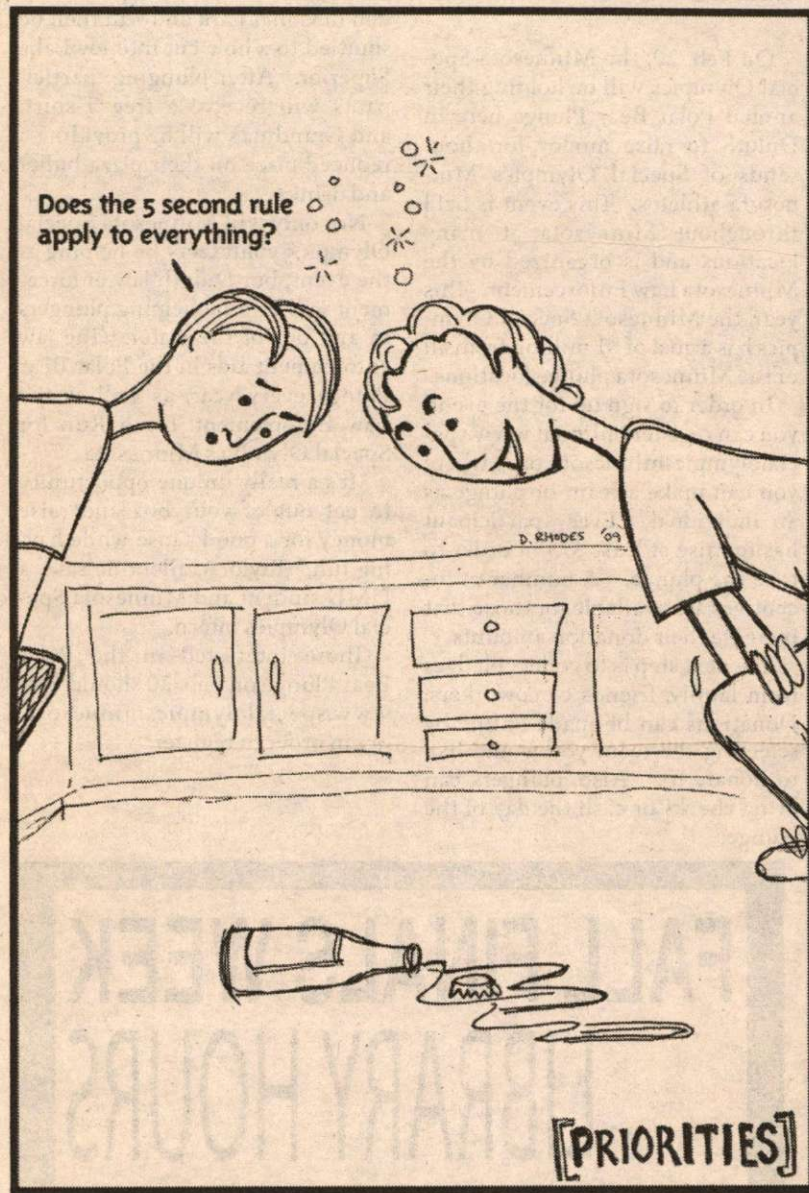
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OUR VOICE: Do the right thing, UMD

I'm not going to lie, I'm writing this while in the worst of moods. I'm stressing over the heavy burden of finals and class projects, all of which keep piling up and appearing more threatening by the day. There is a lot to handle this time of year and it has my head in a spin. Sound familiar?

The upside to what I will call "finals week syndrome,z" is the satisfaction in doing a good job ethically, an ideal that traces

back to what your elementary school teachers meant when they told you not to cheat.

Will my head continue to chafe against the thought of the impending workload? Probably. But doing an ethical job is often better than coming out ahead of everyone else.

Finals week, because of all its temptations to take the easy way out, is a time to remember the value in doing the right thing. Whether you're a school ad-

ministrators faced with an ethical dilemma or a student under peer pressure, it's important to set aside all biases and personal agendas and simply make the right decision.

An ethical act may go unnoticed, but an unethical one never will. It's the nature of democracies.

-David Cowardin

Letter to the editor: Administrative decision are confusing

So let me get this straight. Our University currently employs a man, Rod Raymond, who has been accused of sexual harrasment on numerous occasions. This was investigated by Deborah Petersen-Perlman, and her recommendation was that Mr. Raymond be terminated. If you read the 11-page report, you would know there were conclusive results to whether or not Mr. Raymond preyed on several female UMD students. His punishment? Taking a sexual harrasment course and his supervisory role limited.

Our University currently employs a man, Randy Hyman, who served as our Vice Chancellor of Student Life for two years. While I was only a student here for one of them, everyone I've conversed with about Dr. Hyman has held nothing but esteemed praise for the man. Dr. Hyman has always shown nothing but full support for our students, and as such, recommended to our University to terminate a sexual predator. His punishment? Well, who's to say he was punished, but, he is no longer our

vice-chancellor. What exactly did Dr. Hyman do? It must be more severe than harrassing young students here on campus.

Who made these decisions? Kathryn Martin. Our chancellor. Who coincidentally is leaving us after this year. I hope whoever takes the reigns of Chancellor next year makes the decisions to reinstate Dr. Hyman as our Vice-Chancellor.

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Northern Lights Express train not feasible option

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Recently, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDot) has had the idea of creating an express train line called the Northern Lights Express (NLX) operating from Duluth to Minneapolis. A price has been given for the construction of such a rail system, but has been steadily rising throughout the last three years. One year ago, the price for the NLX was around \$360 million, but six months ago, it rose to \$615 million. The newest estimates put the price tag at \$1 billion, so with the price continuing to rise and the economy still struggling, is a 110 mph train worth the cost?

There is no guarantee of federal stimulus money for the train, which could potentially help pay for 80 percent of the rail, to help shoulder the burden; essentially, it would all be on Minnesota's tax payers. According to *Forbes* magazine, the average Minnesotan is taxed around \$3,203. That ranks as the fourth highest among all fifty states. With taxes already high and a new Vikings stadium proposal on the way, now may not be the time to add on a \$1 billion IOU to the state.

Many people want money for a new football stadium for the Minnesota Vikings, not an alternative mode of transportation. The Vikes have only 30 games remaining at the Metrodome and need to start moving legislature now if they want to stick around after their lease is up in 2011.

Right now, MNDot and NLX consultants cannot agree on how many train stations to have, the number of trains to run and the amount of money to spend. MNDot wants eight trains running from Duluth to Minneapolis; NLX believes that they can, and should, do it with less. MNDot also wants two tracks running the whole route from Duluth to Minnesota; NLX only wants the middle two-thirds of the route to have two tracks. If they can keep it to one track in the impacted cities of Hinckley, Cambridge and Coon Rapids, all in Minnesota, then there is no need for major reconstruction of bridges and other municipal projects.

Coon Rapids currently has the Northstar line running through it. NLX wants to run through the Foley Station in Coon Rapids but will also have it connected with the Northstar. However, there is one problem: the Northstar does not stop at the Foley station, making it hard to connect to a train that is never going to come.

So, it appears that the NLX and MNDot are headed down a fast track to nowhere.

For information on the Vikings bid for a new stadium, go to MinnesotaMomentum.com.

Locally owned companies deserve your business

BragGameRights offers better service, prices and atmosphere than corporately owned GameStop

BY ADAM WHEELER
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When thinking of the phrase "small business," an image of an old man sanding some handmade furniture comes to mind for many people. That is not the case for a little shop off of Maple Grove Road, that can be described as the arcade for the modern gamer called BragGameRights.

Your first few steps into the store, and you see a place that looks like any other video game store, such as GameStop. The walls are covered with shelves stocked high with all the newest titles. But, you raise an eyebrow when you look to the back right corner of the boutique and find a space dedicated solely to retro games such as Sega Genesis or the original Nintendo Entertainment system.

BragGameRights is a video game store that prides itself on its loyal customer base that chooses not to go to GameStop or Best Buy (located just across the street), and instead spends their time and money on a locally owned business.

You truly understand what sets this place apart when you walk just around the corner to your left and see the wall-to-wall booths containing 40" HDTVs and all the gaming essentials from this generation of video game consoles.

The store's development came from a young entrepreneur from Florida named Coy Christmas. After dropping out of college, Christmas made his money selling copiers and decided to move up to Superior, Wisc. with his wife to start this business.

When asked about the goal of his 18-month-old business he said, "Bottom line, we just come here to have fun." However, there is a vast difference between an independently owned store

and a corporately owned store. After asking an employee of GameStop the same question, he said, "We're not allowed to comment because we are a corporate entity."

The placement of these two quotes is no accident. GameStop offers you service with a pseudo smile and a "Thanks for overpaying" on your way out. BragGameRights often attracts families due to their ability to draw in younger kids that may not necessarily have the game consoles at home.

According to Mike Tierney, a BragGameRights employee since the month after its existence and a student at Lake Superior College, the store "gets really packed around the time kids get out of school."

Parents that need to run some errands can drop their children off at the store, pay \$5 per hour of playtime, and as Tierney put it, "Let the Xbox do the parenting." BragGameRights offers a sense of community and a welcome feeling that GameStop has rarely, if ever, been able to achieve.

Although the store's primary goals are noble, the inception of the business has come with resistance from nearby stores that sell many of the same products.

"They [GameStop] are just waiting for me to break street so they can call the Nintendo police on me," said Christmas. Street, in game-business lingo, refers to the date when stores are allowed to put the game on the shelves.

According to many reports from early November, several GameStops in the New York area were selling *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* video game two days before they were allowed to do so legally, a growing trend in the gaming industry.

Christmas has found a small loophole in the system, as the \$5 fee to play games

for an hour can include games that have not yet been released to the general public: A cause for GameStop's suspicion.

When asked how business had been going in spite of their close proximity to a rival store, Christmas said that GameStop was not even the biggest detriment to profit, rather that it was massive road construction along Maple Grove Road.

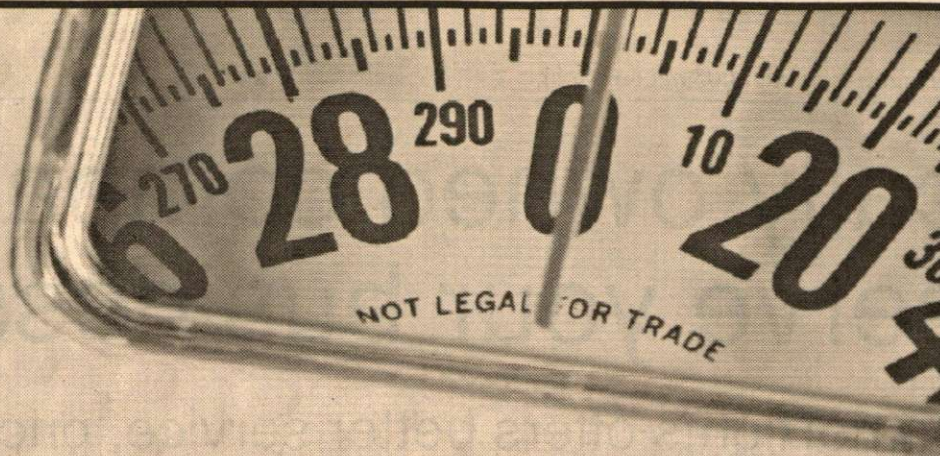
"The construction has cost me roughly \$170,000 over the last few months," said Christmas.

This is only one of the many horrid atrocities brought on by Duluth road construction. The difference is that corporately owned stores like Best Buy and GameStop will barely notice such a loss, whereas a locally owned business will feel some very harsh effects.

"It blows my mind how much money they make," said Christmas, referring to GameStop. "They buy games by the truckloads, we buy by the box."

He said the amount of profit per unit sold is barely half of what big companies like GameStop make. Stores such as GameStop have every right to compete with other businesses, including independently owned ones. But, I implore you, Duluthians, don't let these companies take out the little man.

BragGameRights offers great service, fair price and a phenomenal atmosphere. GameStop, on the other hand, doesn't have much else to offer other than extortionate prices and fake pleasantries. So, when you're shopping for all your holiday gaming addictions, support the underdog and the Duluth economy.



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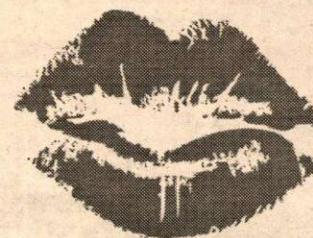
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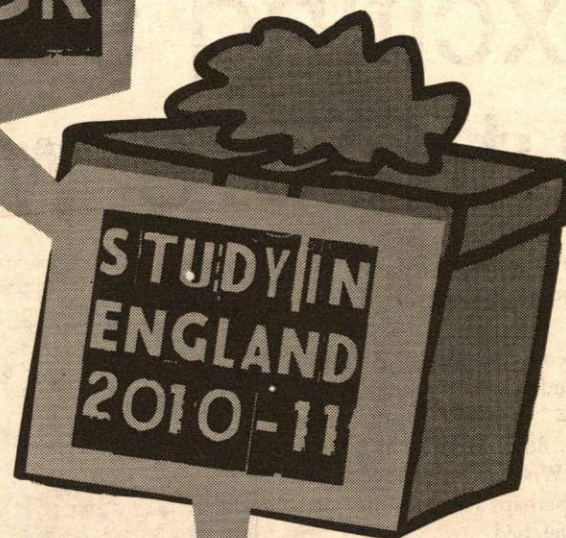
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Exciting summer jobs in the outdoors with Camp Manito-wish

BY SCOTT SCHMIDLEY
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It is a common trait of American college students to hold summer jobs that they consider obligatory and mundane. But a location in Boulder Junction, Wisc. provides hope for the idea that perhaps a fun summer job is not so farfetched.

Representatives from YMCA Camp Manito-wish spoke to Dean Einerson's Introduction to Outdoor Education class on Monday, Nov. 30 about the leadership qualities Manito-wish promotes, as well as their hiring processes.

"The outdoors is a large metaphor. How did we succeed out there in the wild? Because there has to be some way we can apply that same idea in here," said Manito-wish Outpost Director Ben Creagh.

The outpost program is looking for new employees that can promote the values of leadership and spirituality on Manito-wish's nine to 45 day long trips to places like Voyageurs National Park, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, parts of Canada and as far as Alaska.

Also speaking to the class was Laura Hume, one of the camp's most experienced outpost trip leaders. "You can work at Manito-wish with a lot of experience in wilderness leadership, or just a lot of desire," she said. Hume has hundreds of field hours from wilderness trips with Manito-wish.

On an outpost trip, leaders and campers can normally expect take place in activities like canoeing, backpacking, and sea kayaking while out in the wild.

Creagh and Hume also provided a definition of the sort of leaders they are looking for, "Confident, responsible and enlightened individuals," Creagh said. "Because without any of these three elements, the leader fails to effectively promote the dynamic of



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Campers with Manito-wish's Outpost Program at the Rocky Mountains in western Wyoming take a break from the trip to check out the view.

the group."

There are also positions available at the camp in Boulder Junction. The camp's program areas include horseback riding, sailing, music, rifles and canoeing. The activities are designed to allow children to grow into strong and confident individuals while promoting the values of the YMCA.

The duo also talked about the importance of self-awareness in leadership traits, stating the four main types of leadership styles. According to Creagh, 75% of people fall into one of the following leadership styles:

Analytical leaders often ask questions, the thinkers. They are normally saying things like, "Wait! Let's weigh our options here."

Driving leaders are involved in the planning and organization dynamics. They are often characterized by high assertion.

Expressive leaders are also highly assertive. They excel at persuasion and social interaction and like to be involved.

Reflective leaders normally go with the group. They specialize in supporting group interaction and listening to

others.

Manito-wish is looking to hire leaders from any category, as long as the applicant can promote the ideals of the camp.

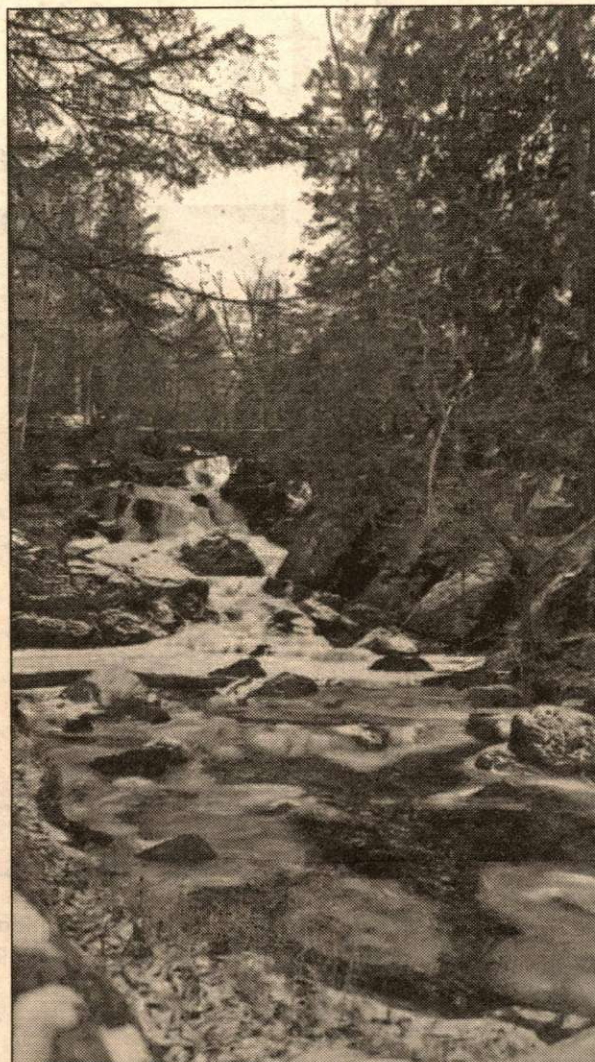
When hired, camp employees are offered the opportunity to take part in their Wilderness First Responder (WFR, often pronounced "woofer") certification, which starts as low as \$440. The test can cost over \$800, so a job at Manito-wish certainly has benefits to those interested in a career with the outdoors.

The application can be found on-

line at manito-wish.org and it may be submitted electronically or by mail. Their hiring takes place over the next several months for this summer, and space is limited. Manito-wish has been hiring leaders from all over the area since 1919. Don't fall victim to the boring summer job. Apply at Manito-wish and fill your summer with outdoors fun and excitement.

Weekly Wanderer

Location: Congdon Park



PHOTOS BY NATHAN WILLIAMS/STATESMAN

The frozen streams at Congdon Park can provide some stress-relieving scenery with final exams on the horizon.

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Earlier in life, as a full-time office drone, I needed constant reminders that life wasn't completely miserable and that the stress I was going through was temporary. This brought me to a meditation group (called a sangha), where I first tried walking meditation.

In this practice, the group would stand in a circle, turn to the left and then slowly start walking. There was no music or direction to dictate the rhythm of the walk, only the quiet attention to the person's feet in front of you and the pace of your body's own breath and heartbeat.

In my walk down Tischer Creek, on the trails that make up Congdon Park, I was reminded of this walking meditation, and it was a perfect opportunity to once again slow down. It was a great escape from the hectic nature of final projects for the semester.

Congdon Park encompasses the section of the creek that runs from Vermillion Road down to Superior Street. Go right on West St. Marie Street, walk two blocks until St. Marie ends, and you've arrived at the entrance to the park. Given its closeness to campus, it always surprises me that so few people I've talked to are familiar with the park.

My friend Randi and I entered the park at the Superior Street opening. This section contains multiple bridges that cross the creek and tall rock walls made up of red rhyolite. Where the stone met up with the stream, I usually found ice that varied from a glassy crystalline layer to stark and solid white.

It was surprising to see the ice's thickness, given the only recent arrival of sub-freezing temperatures. The ice draped over waterfalls and, in sections, we were able to see water flowing beneath its surface.

Walking up the creek, we had a choice between the upper hard-surface trail that

sees a lot of stroller traffic, the middle trail that's wide and well-padded and the less formal trail that snakes closest to the creek and occasionally requires careful stepping over rocks—I encourage you of course to take the latter. Along the way, there are benches inviting you to take a seat and listen to the sputtering and gurgling of the water as it runs over, under, and through the ice.

Winter is an excellent time for visiting these short, easy-to-walk trails. The thinned trees give greater views of the landscape and few walkers aid their solitude. There are also many pines and cedars to help you forget that you're just a few blocks from campus. We ran into a couple of deer that curiously watched us as we passed by 50 feet away from them.

As you walk up the stone steps and along the trails covered with pine needles, try to step slowly and see if a little walking meditation can help to relax you in these final days of the semester.

Wood stove Bill

A POEM BY DAVID COWARDIN

I don't know his name
so I'll just call him Bill.
He lives with his dog
in a house on the hill.

Wearing flannel in fall
he chops wood for the fire.
He rests on a stump
when he begins to tire.

When winter comes
his woodstove is ready,
to warm his house
and his dog named Teddy.

With a book and a pipe
he passes each day.
His life is simple
and he likes it that way.

He's getting quite old,
and it shows through the years,
but he's a tough old brute
without any fears.

His family is worried,
he won't touch a pill.
He swears to end his days
in his house on the hill.

Selected trail recipes

From *Lipsmackin' Backpackin'* by Tim and Christine Conners

Tahoe Chicken Curry

Total weight: 1 pound 1 ounce
Weight per serving: 8.5 ounces
Total servings: 2
3 (5-ounce) cans light chunk chicken
8 oz. frozen peas
1 ½ c. instant brown rice
1 ½ tsp. curry powder
¼ tsp. pepper (or to taste)
½ c. unsalted halved cashews
½ c. raisins
2 cubes chicken bouillon
2 c. water

At Home: Dry chicken and peas in a food dehydrator. In a bowl, mix together the dried chicken and peas and add the rest of the ingredients, except the bouillon cubes and water. Package the mix for the trail.

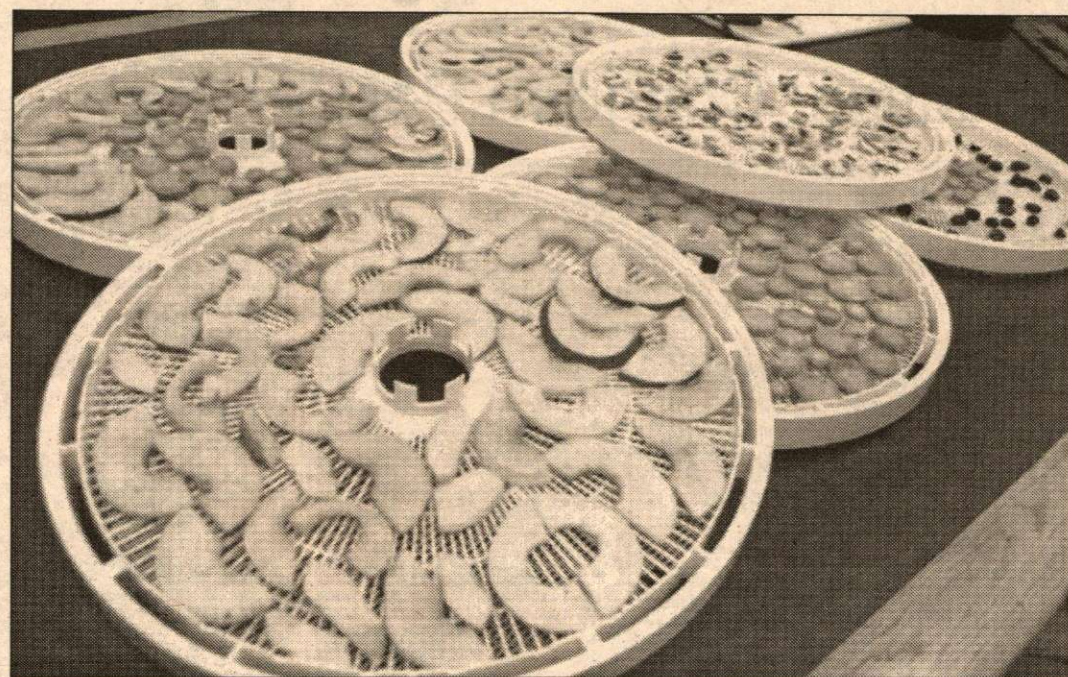
On the trail: Bring water to a boil. Add both bouillon cubes. Add dried dinner mix. Allow to cook about one minute. Remove from heat and let sit five minutes, or until the rice is tender.

Gravel Road Granola

Total weight: 4 pounds
Weight per serving: 5 ounces
Total servings: 13 1-cup servings
½ c. brown sugar
½ c. oil
½ c. honey
½ tsp. vanilla
5 ½ c. oats
1 ½ c. chopped unsalted peanuts
1 ½ c. sweetened shredded coconut
1 ½ c. sunflower seeds
1 c. dried soybeans
2 c. chopped dried pears
Water and powdered milk

At home: Mix brown sugar, oil, honey and vanilla. Using a hand mixer, blend with the dry ingredients. Spread on two oiled (or non-stick) cookie sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes until brown. Turn mixture over ever three to five minutes.

On the trail: Add powdered milk and water to one cup of granola.



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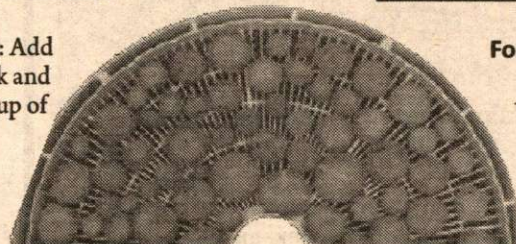
Food dehydration is a simple way to bring perishable food with you on the trail. These trays of sliced fruits and vegetables are cut, washed and ready to be dehydrated.

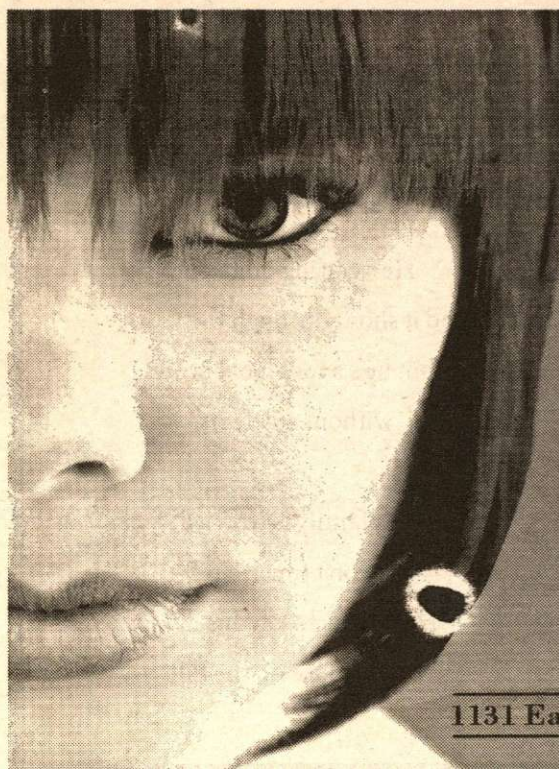
Outdoor Pesto Tortellini

Total Weight: 12 oz.
Weight per serving: 6 oz.
Total servings: 2
4 oz. roma tomatoes
4 oz. fresh mushrooms
1 ½ oz. (1/4 of a 6-ounce can) of olives
1 bell pepper
1 (½-ounce) package Schilling Pesto Sauce Mix
2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tsp. parmesan cheese
1 (8-ounce) package of dried tortellini
½ c. water
Dried pepperoni chunks, pine nuts, or jerky chunks (optional)

At home: Slice and dry the tomatoes, mushrooms, olives, and bell pepper in a food dehydrator. Place dried vegetables in a one-gallon resealable plastic bag and add pesto sauce, garlic powder, and parmesan cheese. Carry oil and pasta separately.

On the trail: Add the water to vegetable-pesto sauce mix and knead in bag. Reseal bag so mixture doesn't dry out, and allow it to sit for 30 minutes. Add more water if needed. After allowing the vegetables to rehydrate, begin to boil two and a half quarts of water for the tortellini. Add the tortellini and boil until rehydrated and hot, then drain. Add vegetable-pesto sauce mix and oil to tortellini and stir over low heat (adding more water as needed).





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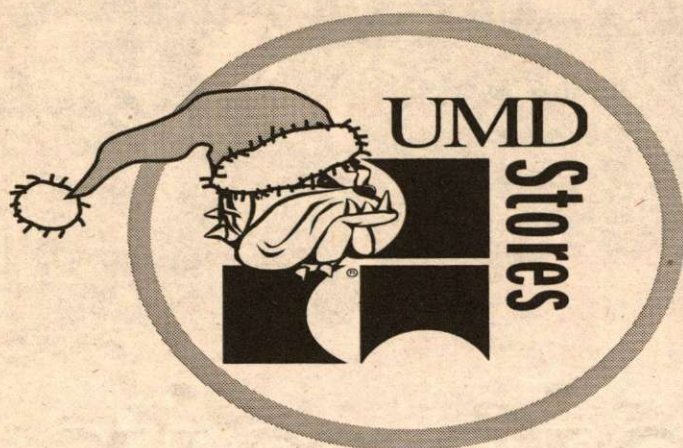
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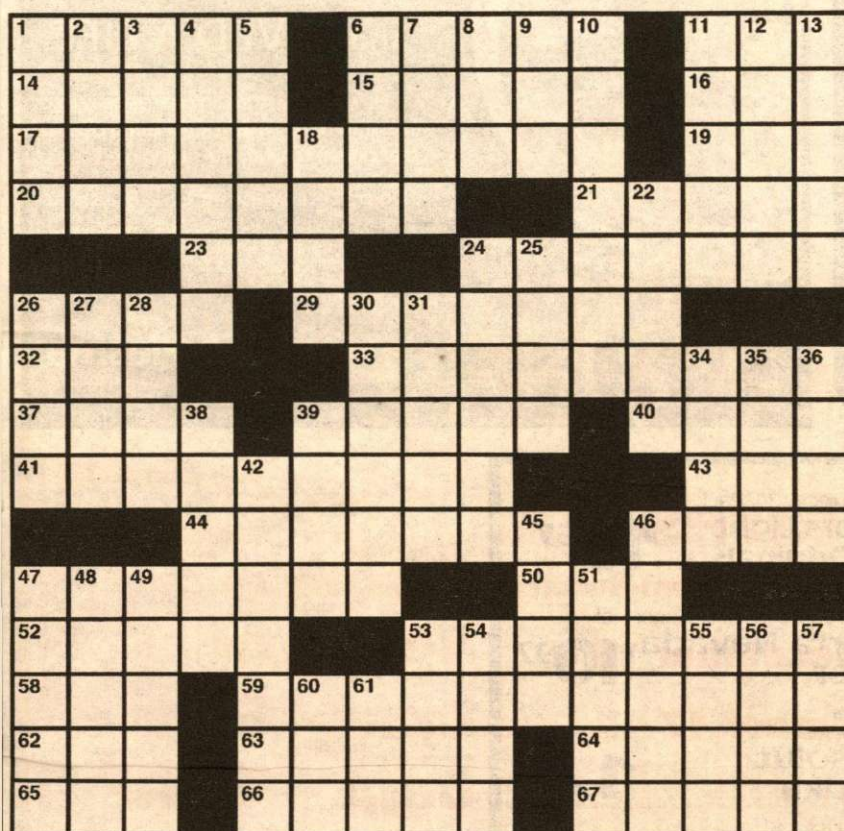


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26 Takers of pics
29 Be superior to, as in the military
32 Japanese sash
33 Novel by a hack
37 Hit on the noggin
39 Davis of "Dr. Dolittle"
40 "Golden" principle
41 Ticket-selling place
43 P. Hearst's kidnappers
44 "Is the gamble worth it?"
46 London guy
47 "Fencers, prepare to duel!"
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52 Seismic event
- Down**
- 53 "Could be"
58 Suffix with sub
59 "Stop complaining!" (and what you might do to the start of 17-, 33- or 41-Across)
62 Lead-in for metric
63 Whisky: Hollywood disco
64 Dad's brother, in Bordeaux
65 Pay-view
66 Excited cry
67 Tries to find
- Down**
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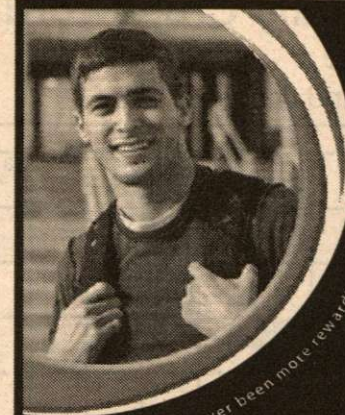
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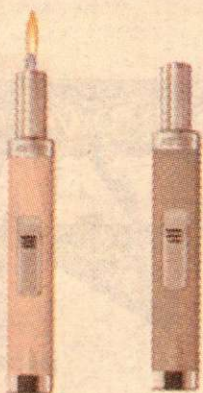
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Athlete of the Week: Katie Wilson

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Despite the upcoming finals and homework, the women's hockey team continues their dominating conference performance. While they were playing Saturday night students may have been studying, cheering on the men's hockey team or watching Florida and Tebow lose to Alabama.

Hopefully some of you were in Madison that night to cheer on the No. four ranked Lady Bulldogs as they took the ice against their perennial rivals, the UW Badgers. Although exciting, the game reached its pinnacle in the spectacle of all sports spectacles, the shootout.

More exciting, was the fact the coach Shannon Miller had enough confidence in three freshman skaters to give them the chance to play hero. Like usual, they came through. This week's Athlete of the Week comes fresh off a Western Collegiate Hockey Association player of the week nomination,

and the game-winning goal in last weekend's overtime thriller. This is Katie Wilson.

Wilson grew up north of here, in a familiar place called Winnipeg. Even though she was born Canadian, her mind was set on playing hockey in the States.

"From the day I started playing hockey about 12 years ago hockey's been my life. Hockey's really popular sport in Canada, but it's always been my dream to come play college hockey in the states. I am so fortunate to be playing for the Bulldogs and am learning so much from Coach Miller. I found the change from high-school hockey to college hockey the biggest adjustment, but I have been learning so much each practice and game," Wilson said.

She makes the transition seem seamless. So far, playing in all 20 contests this season, Wilson has accumulated nine goals and 11 assists. She leads all freshmen in scoring, and is the third leading scorer on the team. Her impressive start has only lead to bigger and better things. Wilson was recently named the WCHA Player of the Week.

"It was pretty exciting receiving that honor, I never thought I'd receive it so early

in my career. I have to give a lot of credit to my wingers (Emmanuelle Blais and Laura Fridfinnson). It definitely helps being on a line with two of the best players in the country. Receiving this honor as a freshman just pushes me to want to get better," Wilson said. Additional credit aside, Wilson has taken the college hockey scene by storm, and isn't looking back.

"We all know that we are a very young team, but we don't make that an excuse. Everyone in the dressing room knows we are capable of making it to the Frozen Four. Since we are such a young team we have a lot of things to learn, but if we focus and listen to Coach Miller there's no doubt that in the next three months we'll be in that frozen four," Katie said.

With the team improving and among the two teams in the country a win against the Badgers should only help their confidence and momentum as the season keeps progressing toward its peak at the end. As far as our Athlete of the Week, "after UMD I'd like to stay involved with hockey, hopefully help out at UMD," Wilson said.



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Basketball teams do well against tough opponents

BY JESSE MURRAY

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This weekend the Bulldogs had many of their starters return from illness and they opened play with the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Friday's game against the University of Minnesota Crookston at Romano Gymnasium netted UMD its third win, 71-68, but it the first of two very close games.

The Golden Eagles jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but after an 8-0 run, highlighted by a Steve Duncan layup followed quickly by a 3-pointer, the Bulldogs took the lead. UMD held on to the lead through halftime thanks to 10 points from Ryan Rasmussen and eight from Ron White. They led 36-30 heading into halftime.

The Golden Eagles fought back to trail UMD 46-43 at the 13 minute mark, when Crookston's Damarius Cruz kicked off a 9-0 scoring run to put the Eagles up by six with 10 minutes to go. The Bulldogs trailed

for another four minutes, but fought back to get within one when Duncan sank a layup to put UMD back on top.

The teams exchanged points until the final minute, UMD held on to win 71-68 after a missed Golden Eagles 3-pointer to end the game.

White led all Bulldogs in scoring with 17 points. Rasmussen pitched in 14, Duncan added 11, McDonald scored 10 and Jake Hottenstine led the team with three assists and two steals.

Saturday was an even closer game for UMD, who beat Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSU) thanks to two clutch last second free throws by White, putting the Bulldogs up 74-73.

UMD again surrendered an early lead, falling behind 20-9 in the first six minutes. The Bulldogs tried to mount a comeback, but trailed by at least seven until the final minutes of the half when Dylan Rodriguez stole the ball, and Byron Ninham fed Hottenstine for a layup

that brought UMD within three. MSU scored once more, and the Bulldogs trailed 31-34 at the half.

The second half started out much the same as the first half, as MSU went on a 13-5 scoring run in the first five minutes. The Bulldogs trailed for the entire half, being down by as much as 14.

After the 14-point deficit, the Bulldogs tightened up and chiseled away at MSU's lead. Rasmussen hit a trio of three-pointers before fouling out with the Bulldogs trailing 64-71 at 3:48. White scored five points in the next minute, before Jordan Schade picked up where Rasmussen left off and hit a three-pointer at 1:41 to bring the Bulldogs within one point.

MSU held off the Bulldogs until Chad Thompson fouled White with two seconds left, and White nailed two free throws to put the Bulldogs up 74-73. After a timeout and one last chance, MSU turned the ball over to end the game.

UMD outscored MSU 10-3 in the final four minutes of the game.

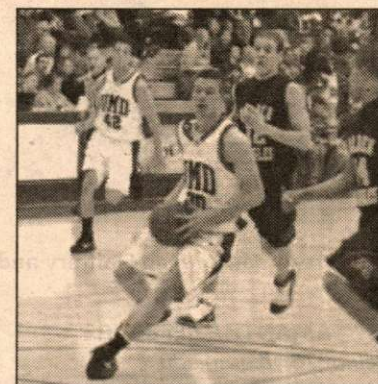
Rasmussen led UMD with 21 points with 15 coming from behind the arch, White added 17 of his own to the total and Rodriguez added 12.

The Bulldogs next travel to Upper Iowa University on Saturday and Winona State on Sunday. Tipoff for both games is 4 p.m.

In women's games against the same teams this past weekend they didn't fair as well as the men. They won on Friday against Crookston with Jheri Booker and Kelsey Hewitt leading the team with 17 and 18 points. Beating Crookston 83-75 on Friday unfortunately didn't give them enough momentum to take on the undefeated Dragons on Saturday.

Despite 24 points from Booker and 11 from Lindsey Miller the team was unable to overcome Moorhead.

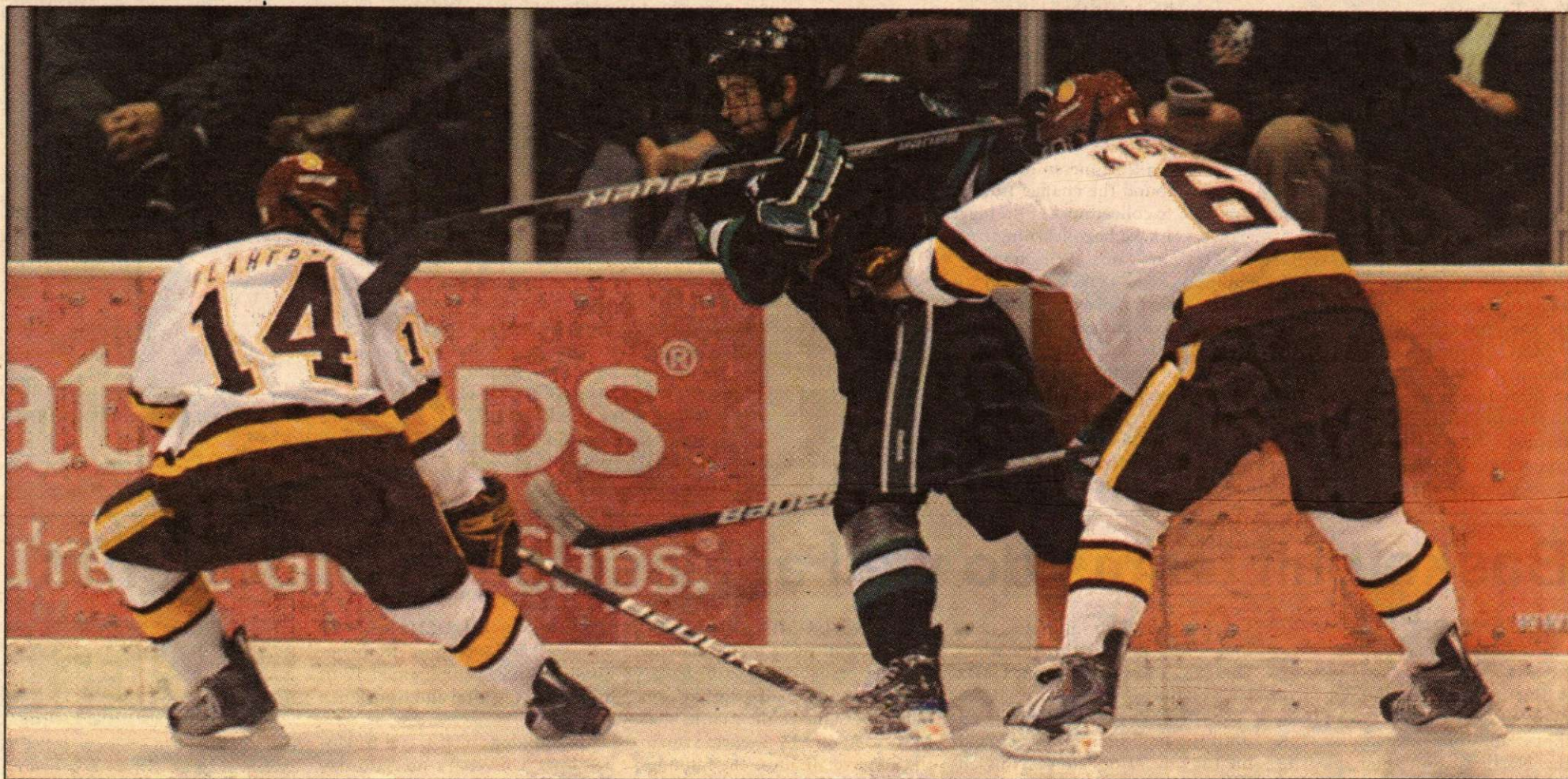
Once again the two UMD teams will take on the same opponents, going against Upper Iowa on Friday and Winona State on Saturday. Both games are set to tip at 2 p.m.



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Men and women drove hard against defenders going to the hoop.

Saturday night frenzy gives UMD the OT win



JOE OLIVIERI/STATESMAN

Freshman Keegan Flahtery and sophomore Scott Kishel double team a UND Sioux player in Friday night's game. UND ended up winning 2-4 but UMD won Saturday in over time.

BY SAMANTHA LEFEBVRE
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Last weekend the UMD Bulldogs took on conference rival University of North Dakota (UND) Fighting Sioux. The Bulldogs kept true to the team motto as stated earlier this season by sophomore Jack Connolly, "If we lose one [game], we don't turn it into two." The two teams each came out with a win, the Sioux victorious on Friday 4-2, and the Bulldogs pulling out a win in sudden death overtime 3-2, on Saturday.

An early shot in the first period from senior center Drew Akins gave UMD a premature lead Friday night. But the No. three ranked Fighting Sioux battled back in the second period outshooting the Bulldogs 16-5 and sinking three goals against sophomore goaltender Kenny Reiter. UMD junior left winger Kyle Schmidt supplied a goal of his own, his fifth of the season, in the third period in attempt to help bridge the

gap between the two teams. Trying to force the game into overtime the Bulldogs pulled Reiter from the goal, but instead offered an empty net goal to UND in the last minute of play. Despite the 2-4 defeat, Reiter was acclaimed 32 saves.

"Obviously we played two good periods, but had a bad second period and that cost us the game," UMD Head Coach Scott Sandelin said.

Instead of starting off with a lead, like the previous night, the Bulldogs were in a two goal deficit to the Fighting Sioux in Saturday night's game. Down 2-0 in the third period, Schmidt went out onto the ice full force and received his second goal of the weekend series within the first two minutes of play.

Approached with Friday night's very similar situation, the Bulldogs decided to once again pull their goaltender in hopes to tie up the game and go into overtime. With only 33 seconds left in the game Bulldog sophomore center Travis Oleksuk snuck the puck past North Dakota goaltender Brad

Eidsness to force the game into overtime. The Bulldogs went into the extra five minute period on a power play. Redirecting a shot from sophomore center Jack Connolly, junior right winger Justin Fontaine capitalized on the power play opportunity just 12 seconds into over time.

Fontaine's 12th goal of the season created a 3-2 victory over the Fighting Sioux. Sophomore goaltender Brady Hjelle was credited 26 saves in Saturday's game.

"This team [UND] doesn't quit, they've shown that time and time again. It's not a very easy thing to do, play catch up hockey against a very good team," Sandelin said. "I'm just very proud of how our guys battled and found a way to get it done."

This weekend the Bulldogs will close out the 2009 year at home against the University of Denver in a two game Western Collegiate Hockey Association series.